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Dear Gail:

It was a pleasure speaking with you today about some of the CERCLIS sites in the Southeast Region, and Texas Instruments (Attleboro, MA, MAD007325814), in particular.

As you may have gathered, I am somewhat astonished that you have only now received copies of my numerous correspondences with the Boston office regarding SERO sites. It was my impression that the Boston office regularly cc'd the Regions on all correspondences dealing with sites in their Region. At the time of our several telephone conversations about the RCRA status of Texas Instruments, I assumed that you were receiving copies of my correspondences with Harish Panchal about the SSI report.

I am equally surprised to learn from you today that the Texas Instruments SI report was submitted to EPA once before in 1986. When I received the report from the Boston office in March of this year, no mention of a previous submittal was made. I was under the impression that this was an old report the State wished to submit in hopes that it might count as a 1990 bean. I therefore reviewed the report using 1990 SI standards.

I am unable to locate a previously submitted copy of the report or any correspondence regarding it's receipt other than an internal memo to the RCRA program which refers to a MA DEP report. In this 1986 memo, Steve Serian recommended that the site be addressed under the RCRA rather than the CERCLA program.

Ruth Leabman recalls discussing the site with you this past January. She acknowledged that EPA received a copy of the report in 1986, though it was not accepted as a MSCA product at that time. Ruth also understood you to say that the 1985 report would be revised to include more current site information before being resubmitted to EPA.

At any rate, I am unable to make a CERCLA decision for this site based upon the information presented in the SI report. As a minimum, I require additional information regarding drinking water supplies and the population served by groundwater drawn from within 4 miles of the site or surface water intakes located downstream of the site. With this information, I can determine whether the site is likely to score above the 28.5 cutoff for NPL consideration using the current HRS, and I can therefore determine the next appropriate action.

Based upon our conversation today, it is my understanding that we have agreed upon the following resolution for this site: the State will gather and submit to EPA the above-mentioned water supply/population information. Upon receipt of the targets information, I will make a CERCLA decision for the site, and enter the 1985 SI report plus addendum into CERCLIS as complete.

If you have any additional questions or comments, I may be reached at 573-9697.

Sincerely,



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cc: Harish Panchal, DEP Boston